

Subject: IGNAT Yuri of Lviv Ukr. SSR.

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Date: 15 Dec. 1965

1. Source visited Poland in Sept/Oct, 1965 and there met Subject, an old friend from Lviv, Ukr. SSR. The meeting was arranged beforehand by correspondence between Source and Subject, and Subject's mother who lives in London, England. Source left the U.S. on 24 Sept. 1965. His itinerary was: New York, London, Warsaw, Bytom, Klock, Katowice, Warsaw, Brno, Vienna, London and New York. Subject returned to U.S. on 11 Oct. 1965.
2. Subject is an old school friend of Source, they also served together in the division S.S. Halychyna. Subject was captured by the Red army at the battle of Brody, and sent to Siberia from where he returned in 1953. In Siberia Subject worked as a coal miner. ( For the first two years in the underground shafts, and later above ground. ) Presently Subject works in Lviv in an office which is connected with the building of government offices. He often travels to Leningrad, Moscow and Uzhorod. This job pays 100 rubles a month (94 rubles take home salary) Subject is married and has two children. Subject met Source in BYTOM and from there they travelled together to Warsaw where they were together for 3½ days.
3. The population was informed about the release of Cardinal SLIPY from Siberia in a relatively short time. Subject mentioned that SLIPY caused the government much trouble by the fact that many people would come to visit his place of residence as if it were a shrine. Presently few people attend services in Greek Catholic churches in Lviv, the majority prefer Roman Catholic churches. Since the youth has been brought up under the Soviet system, Subject says that it is difficult to have a discussion with anybody. A free thought is difficult to state, since one does not know with whom one is talking.
4. There is a difference in the treatment given to former members of the

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UPA and members of the division SS Halychyna. Members of the division are treated as soldiers who made a mistake due to confusion, and after sitting out their prison terms returned to work. The members of the UPA on the other hand are treated as counter-revolutionaries, and for whom life is made very difficult. It is hard for them to obtain a job also. Subject knows two former members of the UPA who have finished their prison sentences and live presently in the town of BORTNYKANI in Ivano-Frankivsk oblast: SAVKA, Marko Mychailovich who was arrested in 1939/40, and SAVKA, Mychailo Mychailovich who was arrested in 1946/47. Both are supposed to be decent fellows.

5. Subject was aware of the fire in Kiev public library, but was unaware of the fire and destruction of train carrying Ukrainian art ~~articles~~ to Brussels ~~for an exhibition~~ in 1965.

6. Subject complained about American radio programs, said that they were not interested in knowing the salary of American workers since this does not help them in their misery. Asked why lessons of Ukrainian history are not broadcast to them. This topic they do not have, and it is difficult to find out the truth.

7. Prof. KRYPYAKEVICH had to rewrite his history book and publish a new edition. His son Roman (who is a school friend of Source's) works as a scientist with computers and makes 450 rubles per month. He owns a motorcycle and Subject sees him on the main street every once in a while, but they have nothing in common since Roman makes much more, and is a scientist making himself a career. Prof. KRYPYAKEVICH'S other son is a chemist, paralyzed, but manages to teach quite a bit. Their common friend PANTSyshyn is a doctor in Lviv. Subject classified him as a careerist.

8. Subject said that Irene VILDE is a careerist and party line writer. About the younger poets Subject was not too optimistic, said that emigration is too enthusiastic about them, that their better works are not published, and even when

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something worthwhile is printed it is wrong to exaggerate it.

- ✓ 9. Subject mentioned a certain Orest HNIATYUK who lives in the town BOLEKHOVI and would like to come to the U.S. His father is a priest who lives in the U.S.
10. Subject related that at the end of Khrushchev's "regime" there was starvation. After his deposal there is wheat, flour and bread.
11. The population is aware of the differences which exist between the various Ukrainian emigre political parties, and are very much saddened by this.
12. People can travel to Poland now with only identification papers. No passports are required. Travellers are searched for gold on the border.
13. A certain MUDRA Nadia returned to Ukraine from exile in Siberia, and lived now in Lviv.
- ✓ 14. PANCHYSHYN Roman of Lviv works in the hotel Inturist in Lviv. Source and PANCHYSHYN played together as small boys and were friends for quite a time. Source thinks P. is "all right". He is son of a janitor of former Khmilovska Street in Lviv.
15. Subject plans to eventually visit his mother in England and meet there with Source again.

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